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METHOD FOR ALLOCATING A BANDWIDTH BETWEEN NETWORK TERMINALS IN A COMMUNICATION NETWORK AND NETWORK INCLUDING A

MEDIUM ACCESS CONTROLLER FOR PERFORMING SUCH A METHOD

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